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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - VISIT TO SRI LANKA BY
DR. S. DILLON RIPLEY AND POSSIBLE RESEARCH FIELD TRIP
UNDER DR. KARL KROMBEIN'S PROJECT

1. SECRETARY S. DILLON RIPLEY PROPOSES TRAVEL SRI LANKA
IN LATE JANUARY 1977 FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FOR 1) FIELD
RESEARCH AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE SMITHSONIAN PROJECT,
"BIO-SYSTEMATIC STUDIES OF THE INSECTS OF SRI LANKA,"
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR DR. KARL KROMBEIN, 2) TO REVIEW
THE PROGRESS OF THIS AND OTHER SMITHSONIAN SPONSORED
RESEARCH, AND 3) TO MEET KEY SRI LANKAN SCHOLARS AND
OFFICIALS ASSOCIATED WITH SMITHSONIAN ACTIVITIES.
2. SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED INVITATION FROM DR. P.H.D.H.
DE SILVA, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF SRI LANKA, TO
MAKE ADDRESS DURING MUSEUM CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN
1977.
3. SECRETARY RIPLEY'S RESEARCH FIELDTRIP WOULD BE U; ER-
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TAKEN TOGETHER WITH HIS COLLABORATOR OF SOME THIRTY YEARS,

DR. SALIM ALI, PRESIDENT OF BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY,

WHO IS PREEMINENT INDIAN ORNITHOLOGIST AND INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED LEADER IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION. RIPLEY WOULD
BE ACCOMPANIED ALSO BY MRS. RIPLEY WHO IS EXPERIENCE
ENTOMOLOGIST.

4. POPHAM, SMITHSONIAN PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR AT KANDY
WILL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TRANSPORTATION
FOR THE FIELD RESEARCH.

5. RIPLEY HAS SPOKEN INFORMALLY ABOUT POSSIBLE TRIP TO
AMBASSADOR REED AND AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE HERE. WHEN
MINISTER MAITHRIPALA SENANAYAKE VISITED SMITHSONIAN,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVID CHALLINOR, IN ABSENCE OF RIPLEY,
RECEIVED HIM AND INTER ALIA MENTIONED RIPLEY PLAN.

6. SMITHSONIAN/SFCP REQUESTS EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER
ANY OBJECTION PERCEIVED TO RIPLEY VISIT AND RESEARCH
FIELD TRIP ALONG LINES DESCRIBED. KISSINGER

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